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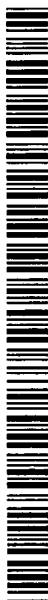
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(54) Title: **MULTIPLE VIEW ENDOSCOPES**

(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to an endoscope comprising two or more optical channels that produce two or more distinct views. The endoscope of the invention is suitable for performing various surgical procedures, including funduplications, stapling of the stomach for obesity management, bladder neck sling procedures for incontinence management, and other procedures that may benefit from having multiple interior views. Such treatments may be performed percutaneously, or by gaining access via natural body canals such as the esophagus or urethra.

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Endoscope comprising two or more separate optical channels, where each optical channel comprises an objective lens for focusing the image on to an image sensor chip. Each objective lens is located at a different position along the length of the endoscope.

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Endoscope and surgical stapler combination.

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